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This is a request for filing a continuation divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior international application Number PCT /GB02/00736, filed on 20/02/02 entitled A FIXING PLUG,

which designated the United States.

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CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
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	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			x \$----- =	280.00
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				Total of above Calculations =	1210.00
				Reduction by 50% for filing small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.27).	
				Total =	1210.00

1. Enclosed are the specification, claims and drawing(s).
2. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment of Deposit Account No. 08-1265. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. A check in the amount of \$ 1210.00 is enclosed.
5. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
6. Application Data Sheet is enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.76.
7. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:
 Continuation Divisional of prior PCT application No.: PCT/GB02/00736, filed 20/02/02
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8. A declaration under CFR 1.63 is enclosed. (Unsigned)

9. Priority of foreign application number 0104144.1, filed on 20 February 2001 in GB is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

The certified copy is enclosed.

10. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

11. Also enclosed:

Published PCT; PCT Request; Notice Informing Applicant of Communication of Int'l App.
to the Designated Offices; Written Opinion; Response to Written Opinion; Pre. Exam. Report
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NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required.
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
 DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
 CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

Attorney's Docket No. 20030294.ORI

International Application No.: PCT/GB02/00736

International Filing Date: 20 February 2002

Priority Date Claimed: 20 February 2001

Title of Invention: A FIXING PLUG

Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US: HEPWORTH, Paul S.

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date (in German).

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5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
a. is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau.)
b. has been transmitted by the Int'l Bureau.
c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)

6. A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).

7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
a. are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
b. have been transmitted by the Int'l Bureau.
c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
d. have not been made and will not be made.

8. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).

9. An unexecuted oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).

10. A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11-16 below concern documents or information included:

11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.

13. A FIRST preliminary amendment.
 A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.

14. A substitute specification.

15. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.

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16. X Other items or information: a copy of the published PCT; Preliminary Amendment; an unexecuted Declaration; Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to the Designated Offices, the Written Opinion; Response to the Written Opinion; International Preliminary Examination Report; Return Receipt Postcard; PCT Request; International Search Report; Request for Filing a Continuation of an International Application; a Multiple Dependent Claim Fee Calculation Sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

I hereby certify that the attached Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371, a Request for Filing a Continuation or Division of an International Application, a copy of the published patent application, a copy of the PCT Request, Preliminary Amendment, an unexecuted Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition, a Multiple Dependent Claim Fee Calculation Sheet, Patent Application Data Entry Format, a copy of the Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to the Designated Offices, Preliminary Examination Report, Written Opinion, a response to the Written Opinion, a check in the amount of \$1210.00 to cover the filing fees and a return receipt postcard, all in connection with the above-identified patent application are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and are addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, under Express Mail Post Office to Addressee Label No. EV357550272US.

Respectfully submitted,
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